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Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks and allowance of claims 6 and 13. New claims 16 and 17 are allowable claims 6 and 13 in independent form. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. New claims 16-21 are presented. Accordingly, claims 1-21 are pending.

Claims 1 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended are in proper condition according to §112.

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 13 and 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Belik* (4,469,369) in view of *Ruppert* (6,276,474). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections as there is absolutely no teaching, suggestion, or motivation to modify *Belik* in view of *Ruppert* as proposed.

*Belik* discloses bus modules that are complete longitudinal sections of a bus. That is, the bus is essentially sectioned into portions which include everything in that section, e.g. body, interior, windows, and suspension in particular sections, etc. This is conventional sectional construction utilized, for example, in shipbuilding. *Belik* makes no reference to an underside module which includes a suspension module separate from the vehicle body itself. *Ruppert* discloses a drive assembly. *Ruppert* makes not reference to a module of any sort. Neither reference alone or in combination discloses, suggests or teaches an undercarriage module with a suspension that is separately attachable to a vehicle as claimed in the present invention. Simply, there is no motivation to combine *Belik* in view of *Ruppert*. The only motivation to make the combination as proposed is by following the knowledge disclosed within the present invention. This is impermissible usage of Hindsight in an attempt to recreate Applicants device. Accordingly, claims 11-5, 7-12, 13 and 14-15 are properly allowable.

Moreover, even if the combination is proper, the combination fails to disclose features of the present application. The proposed rejection, even if proper, fails to disclose or suggest a subframe module mountable adjacent a vehicle underside.

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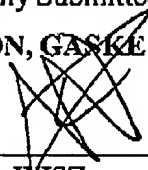
Applicant does not claim to have invented building a vehicle in modules. Rather, Applicant has provided a unique undercarriage module which is mounted to the underside of a vehicle. The claims are patentable.

New claims 18-21 recite further features of the present invention which are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references and are thus properly allowable.

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Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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